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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 14, 2005 and a statutory period for response that is set to expire on October 14, 2005. The Office Action is a final rejection of Claims 2-11.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A illustrating support in the Specification for proposed claim amendments is attached following page 13 of this paper.